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Chairman's appeal for Yeltz fans to turn out

HALESOWEN Town's chairman has appealed to fans to flock back on matchdays to help the club avert a new financial crisis.

Yeltz chairman Graham Ingram said that without an increase in attendances the club could fold.

The news comes after it emerged two parties interested in investing in the club had contacted him for talks. But he stressed no firm offers had been made for the Southern League Premier Division club.

In a statement Mr Ingram said: "I would like to appeal to all Halesowen supporters to pull together as one to make a huge final effort to attend the club's remaining home fixtures and to also bring at least one friend."

"A massive turnout will not only be a gesture of appreciation towards the dedication of the playing staff, but could more importantly, buy the precious time the club requires to secure funding for the new season."

Big boost for fledgling firms

A £6 MILLION centre offering short-term space for fledgling businesses is planned for Dudley.

Dudley Council hopes to secure funding for the Innovation and Enterprise Centre. It would enable small companies to work together and get advice from each other to help boost Dudley's economy, said cabinet member for regeneration Councillor Les Jones.

The council is working on a bid for £1.5million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to help kick-start work on the scheme. It plans to attract a development partner to set up and manage the project, which is expected to cost around £6m. Councillor Jones said one of the possible sites discussed for the new centre was Castlegate.

Tribute to Charlotte

A MOVING tribute was this week paid to a former Black Country schoolgirl to mark the 15th anniversary of her death in the Dunblane massacre. Five-year-old Charlotte Dunn was remembered in an assembly held at her former school, Cradley C of E Primary School, Halesowen. Charlotte was among 16 children killed by Joner Thomas Hamilton who entered Dunblane Primary School on March 13, 1996 and opened fire. A teacher was also killed.

Chair-obics class

A NEW gentle exercise class has been set up in Wordsley. Chair-obics will take place every Monday at Wordsley Parish Church Hall, High Street, from 2.30pm. Exercises can be done sitting or standing. For details call Lisa Darby on 01384 816463.



Celebrating 70 years of marriage – Ernest and Dorothy Billingham of Netherton

Silver screen love lasts 70 years

A NETHERTON couple who were married during the Second World War are celebrating 70 years of wedded bliss.

Great-grandparents Ernest and Dorothy Billingham, who have lived in Morville Road for the past 40 years, first met in 1940, when Ernest approached Dorothy walking down the High Street.

Their first date took them to the Imperial Pictures, now Netherton Library.

After 14 months the couple were engaged and they wed just two months later, on March 15, 1941, at St Andrew's Church, Netherton, where 100 guests turned out to see them exchange their vows.

Eighty-nine-year-old Dorothy worked part time at the local laundrette in between looking after their only daughter Maureen and

their family home, while Ernest went out to work as a senior foreman at Birmid Qualcast in Smethwick, where after 42 years he received two long-service awards.

The couple who also have two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are keen travellers. They have toured all over the world since Ernest retired 30 years ago.

Headlines

Ninety-year-old Ernest said: "Since the day we met we have never been apart and we have never really had any problems because we have always talked about things."

"Everybody argues but you have to learn to stick together and overcome the disagreements. We have both had a very good life and my

wife has definitely helped me stay strong."

"We don't have perfect health but I honestly couldn't ask for more, I feel 19 not 90."

"We carry on with life and keep ourselves to ourselves, look after one another – we don't need anyone else."

Twenty years ago the couple made headlines in The Chronicle for the first time, to mark their 50th wedding anniversary, before jetting off to spend three months in Hawaii.

Ten years later they celebrated with a cruise around the Caribbean and South America.

But this year the couple have decided to stay at home to reminisce the past seven decades and quietly celebrate their platinum milestone with their family.



Ernest and Dorothy on their wedding day

BUILD DATE SET ON SPORTS CLUB

WORK on a new sports and social club near a Halesowen beauty spot will start in the summer, it was announced this week.

St Modwen will be building a new clubhouse, cricket pitch and bowling green off Stewards Road.

It will replace the existing Coombs Wood Sports and Social Club in Coombs Road.

Last week the developer was given the go-ahead by a planning inspector to close and divert two footpaths on the Coombswood Green Wedge to enable work on the scheme to start.

Protesters had attempted to block the plans saying "magnificent views" and paths walked for more than 30 years would be lost.

The planning inspector's ruling followed a public inquiry in January. St Modwen senior development spokesman Ian Romano said: "We are pleased with the outcome of the public inquiry which enables us to now progress the delivery of the new Coombs Wood Sports and Social Club."

"By the nature of the activities at the sports club, it was impractical for both the new club and previous right of way to co-exist, and the decision by the inspector vindicates the council's decision to

close and divert the two footpaths. The new diverted footpath route maintains both the public right of way across the Green Wedge and the important link to the Monarch's Way footpath, while also allowing us to successfully deliver over £2 million worth of sports, educational and environmental facilities to the local community."

"We anticipate construction works for the new Coombs Wood Sports and Social Club will commence early this summer."

Planning permission was granted for the sports facility, which also includes a bowling green, social club and car park, in September 2009 despite stiff opposition.

Apartments

But Government planning inspector Paul Dignan ruled in favour of shutting the paths, saying the disadvantages were outweighed by the benefits the new sports club would bring and the views would still be available nearby.

Plans to build 70 new homes on the site of the existing sports club were approved in December.

Developer Barratt West Midlands said they would include 17 two-bedroom apartments.

There would also be 53 two, three, and four bedroom houses, many of which are detached.

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School gardener Anne Bartlett with pupils Ben Kelsall, aged nine; Sadie Cullen, eight; Andrew Colley, six; Alex Bartlett, eight; and, front; head-girl Charlotte Eldridge and head-boy Jack Bennett, both ten

£10,000 lottery joy for school

A STORYTELLER'S chair, wildlife and a winding garden trail will be bought with a £10,000 lottery grant given to a Black Country school.

Rowley Hall Primary School has been awarded a £10,000 grant to create a new woodland area on its Windsor Road site in Rowley Regis.

Bridges

The new area will include a variety of plants – ranging from weeping pear to silver birches and weeping willows.

Pupils will be able to stretch their legs on a new trim trail – featuring

a series of balances and bridges for them to walk across. The wildlife spot will give youngsters the chance of outdoor learning with a storyteller's chair and "friendship benches" to encourage pupils to mix.

To avoid England's typically wet weather, the school will use some of the money for a clever contingency plan – waterproofs, wellington boots and jackets for the pupils.

Headteacher Lynda Townsend said: "We consider ourselves very fortunate to be successful in receiving this grant to develop community wildlife in school."

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Museum joy as town's claim on engine upheld

THE 300th anniversary of the world's first successful steam engine will be officially celebrated next year in Dudley.

The influential Newcomen Society has "fully accepted" the theory that the 1712 Newcomen Engine was built in Dudley – rejecting a rival claim for Wolverhampton.

Dudley's claim will be celebrated at the Black Country Living Museum where a replica of the engine is on show.

A lecture by the television scientist, historian and presenter Adam Hart-Davis is scheduled for July 14, 2012 and other

events are planned. But a rival celebration to mark Wolverhampton's controversial claim may also be staged. The event at the Tipton Road museum vindicates John Allen, the 85-year-old former chairman of the Midland branch of the Newcomen Society.

His paper, which was published nearly 20 years ago, located the steam engine in Conegre coalworks within sight of Dudley Castle itself.

But it is a blow for Suhail Rana, chairman of Wolverhampton Civic and Historical Society, who championed Wolverhampton's case in a rival paper published two years ago.

Mr Rana believes the first Newcomen engine stood in Wolverhampton, off the Wilenhall Road.

"In my view, the argument was quite a ridiculous thing," Mr Allen of Stourton said today. "I believe the Society has fully accepted the Dudley case."

Mr Rana said: "I am hoping to start the Wolverhampton Newcomen Engine Group soon to start looking at how we will be celebrating the event in Wolverhampton."

Research

He said the issue should be settled at an open debate with the Society's judge.

Them useum has confirmed that it would be hosting the 2012 celebration. "For us as a museum, this is a really big thing," said the venue's director of collections, learning and research, David Eveleigh. He added he was "absolutely" convinced over Dudley's claim to the 1712 engine.

Prolific author is in print again

A DUDLEY author has written her way on to the shelves of a popular Stourbridge book store.

Viv Turner's collection of memoirs, entitled *A Friendship Remembered*, is now available at Books Unlimited, on Lower High Street, for £15.

The book traces Viv's 30 years travelling around the country researching locations and plot lines for *Malcolm Saville*. It is the latest release from the author who has produced more than 100 books.

Restaurant proves it has golden touch

A RESTURANT in Halesowen has been awarded a gold star from a national children's charity after helping to raise more than £150,000.

The Foxhunt Harvester, on Hagley Road West, received the accolade after they helped the family-run chain raise the cash over five years for the UK's Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Matthew Turner, manager of the Foxhunt,

said: "We feel very honored to be named a gold supporter of Make-A-Wish because it is such a fantastic cause, making a real difference to children and young people across the country."

"Last year we helped Harvester raise £50,000 by encouraging our guests to make a £2 donation."

Make-A-Wish Foundation grants magical wishes to youngsters fighting life-threatening illnesses.

Charity shop gets a big facelift



Mary Stevens Hospice shop in Gornal Wood which has reopened following a refurb. From left are Councillor Anne Millward, shop manager Gemma Hemmings and Lisa Jones of Dudley Building Society

A CHARITY shop in Gornal held a coffee morning to celebrate morning to celebrate unveiling their brand new look.

The Mary Stevens Hospice shop, on Louise Street, has undergone a top-to-bottom refurbishment with new walling, shelves and display units installed. They combined the coffee

morning, funding by Dudley Building Society, with the reopening, which was attended by Councillor Anne Millward.

Fantastic

Shop manager Gemma Hemmings said customers had given the new look a great reception.

"It looks fantastic and it

does justice to the donations we get," she added. Dudley Building Society also donated a cheque of £200 to the Stourbridge-based hospice.

This added to the £5,000 recently raised by their Save and Sponsor savings account, which helped fund the annual Tree of Light service.

Spicing up Blind Dave's quest

A BLACKHEATH restaurant is backing charity runner Blind Dave's attempt to run and cycle almost 1,000 miles in a gruelling 10 days.

But Standard Cuisine's fundraiser promises to be a more sedate affair with diners breaking into a sweat only over a hot curry.

New part-owner of the restaurant in High Street Abdul Kahar is hoping to tempt regulars and their friends to join in a charity curry night on Sunday (March 20) to boost Dave's Macmillan Cancer Support initiative in August.

Diners will be able to partake in a four-course meal for £10 and there will also be a raffle (£1 per ticket). All proceeds from the night will be donated to the appeal.

The blind marathon runner, who famously ran seven marathons on seven continents over seven days, said he decided on the challenge for "personal reasons".

"I lost both my father and father-in-law, and then lost my last guide dog to cancer. Very recently it's terrible consequences hit home again when it claimed the life of a long time friend of over 35 years," he said.

New part owner of Standard, Abdul Kahar, said: "I like working in the community but as a business owner I would like to adopt the same ethos."

Raffle prizes on offer include a one-month unlimited pass to Sandwell Leisure Trust gyms.

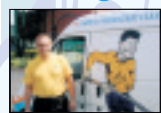
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Warning on numbers for schools over homes plan

SCHOOLS in a village near Stourbridge are "bursting at the seams" and could not cope with the hundreds of extra children who would flood into the area if plans to build at least 219 homes on local farmland go ahead, it is claimed.

The Worcestershire Association of School Governors is objecting to the designation of a 54-acre site off the A456 Kidderminster to Birmingham Road for potential housing and commercial development. The land is between Western Road, Hagley, and the island at the junction of the A456 with the A491.

Villagers in Hagley and Clent, near Stourbridge, last month launched a campaign aimed at squashing plans for housing and commercial development, contained in Bromsgrove District Council's "Core Strategy".

Bromsgrove Council is consulting the public about the strategy, which includes proposals to build a total of 4,000 dwellings in the district between now and 2021.

At least 219 of those could be built on the land off the A456 and A491, which straddles Hagley and Clent.

Shopping

Malcolm Richards, chairman of Worcestershire Association of School Governors, said: "Schools in Hagley are bursting at the seams and Haybridge High School, which serves five primary schools in surrounding villages could not fit a single more pupil in."

"If 220 more houses were built in the area, they would produce possibly 300 to 400 more children of various ages and we would need a new school - but there is no money to build one."

Members of the Hagley and Clent Campaign Group, set up by Hagley and Clent Parish Councils and local residents to fight the proposals, will on Saturday be talking to people in Worcester Road, in the main village shopping area.

A "drop-in" session was held on Saturday at Hagley Parish Council's offices in Worcester Road.

Hagley Parish Council chairman Steve Colella, who is also a district councillor, said: "Building this many homes would put pressure on local amenities and social services - without the investment to meet that need."

"Schools, doctors and the rest of our local services are all at their capacity and we can't take any more."

Op delay patient calls for apology over 'sham'



Furious - Richard Wyman recovering

A MAN is threatening Dudley's Russells Hall hospital with legal action after his operation was cancelled four times at the last minute.

Richard Wyman, aged 32, says he endured a "complete farce" as he waited nine months for the procedure on a ruptured bicep tendon.

On four occasions he turned up at the hospital only to be told the operation could not go ahead - sometimes being made to wait hours before he could leave.

It was finally carried out on February 2 but Mr Wyman says he is "disgusted" with the way he was treated. Mr Wyman, a technician for National Grid, has written to the hospital's chief executive Paula Clarke demanding an apology and compensation.

Dudley Group of Hospitals cancelled 319 procedures between October and December last year, the highest number in the region.

Almost 300 operations were called off in December and January alone at Russells Hall because of a surge in winter emergen-

"I hope that the chief executive puts herself in my shoes and thinks what outcome she'd expect,"

cies. Mr Wyman said: "This shows the utter sham that my experience with the hospital has been."

"I expect some sort of compensation for all the stress and trouble the hospital has caused."

"And before making any decisions I hope the chief executive puts herself in my shoes and thinks what outcome she would expect if this had happened to herself or a member of her family."

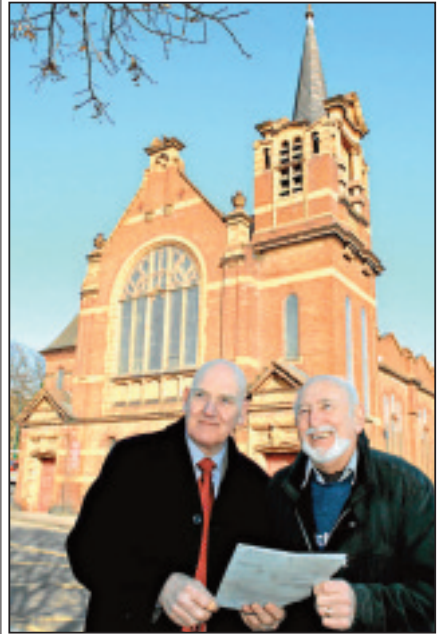
Mr Wyman suffered the injury at work in May last year when he was stretching for equipment in the back of his van.

He was left unable to lift objects with his right arm as it has no strength since the injury.

Hospital chief executive Ms Clarke said: "We are very sorry that on this occasion the patient felt they did not have a good experience of our service."

"We would ask them to contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service so that we can thoroughly investigate the issues they have raised and learn from their experiences."

Church seeking £200,000 grant



Hoping for English Heritage funding - project manager Gordon Roberts, left, and church leader Albert Billingham at Cradley Heath Baptist Church in Corngreaves Road

THE congregation of a Grade II-listed church in Cradley Heath has applied for £200,000 worth of English Heritage funding.

The Cradley Heath Baptist Church fundraising committee has applied for the funding to do high level restoration work on the building. This includes work to the roof, including new trusses and restoration of its original masonry.

Project manager Gordon Roberts said: "We need to bring this Edwardian building into the 21st century, and the work needs to be done as carefully and sympathetically as we can."

Mr Roberts is hoping to find out if their application has been successful at the end of the month and work would take a year to complete.

On March 26 the Knowle Male Voice Choir will be holding a concert at the church to help with efforts to raise funds.

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They'll be crying in The Public

SANDWELL'S answer to the King of Rock 'n' Roll will be getting All Shook Up for a charity fundraiser next week.

The borough's council leader, Councillor Darren Cooper, will be donning his Blue Suede Shoes as he performs Elvis hits in aid of the Mayor's charity.

Councillor Cooper, a long-standing Presley fan, will be joined by council staff and friends for the show at The Public, in West Bromwich, on

Saturday, March 26, at 7pm. The variety show at the New Street arts centre will feature singers, dancers and comedians.

All money raised will go to the Alzheimer's Society and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Councillor Cooper said: "I have been practising a few numbers and I will be performing them in true Elvis style."

For tickets, priced £6, call 0121 533 7139 or 0121 569 3041.

Jobs bonanza in £30m motor export contract



Julian Turner, Baroness Sayeeda Warsi and (back left to right) chairman Frank Turner, technical director Paul Faithfull and Dudley South MP Chris Kelly

A DUDLEY sports car manufacturer is aiming to more than double its workforce after signing a £30 million-a-year international deal.

Westfield Sportscars Ltd, based in Kingswinford, will be recruiting between 35 and 50 new staff over the next year after sealing a deal with Malaysian company DRB-HICOM. The announcement was made during a visit by Baroness Sayeeda Warsi.

The baroness, co-chairman of the Conservative Party and Minister without Portfolio, was given a tour of the Westfield workshop including the chance to see prototypes of new cars - among them the world's first electric sports car.

"Westfield Sportscars is a great example of a company which is rooted in the local community, but is looking to trade worldwide," the minister said.

Development

"What this Government is interested in is not only getting out of the way of development by reducing the amount of bureaucracy, but by supporting businesses in such a way that sends a message out to the rest of the world that Britain makes some fantastic products."

Westfield managing director Julian Turner, aged 33, told the minister that the Malaysian deal would be a huge boost to the company.

He said the visit by Baroness Warsi had been very positive.

"It's always great to be able to show someone around and show them what it is we do, as well as raise any concerns," he added.

"The deal with the Malaysian firm will add around £30m a year to our turnover."

"This will in turn pass on to our suppliers, 80 per cent of which are also in the West Midlands. It will be a real boost to the local economy."

Currently, 35 people are employed at the car maker's base in the Gibbons Industrial Park in Dudley Road, Kingswinford.

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Lazy drivers causing hazard with parking

School of rock recording



Pete Taylor, back left, of The Dribblers, in the studio with Cara Gaville, of The Kittens, Martyn Kilvert, pupil Emily Cottrill, 15, digital arts technician Martyn Calvert and pupil Esther Turner, 15

A RECORDING studio has been being launched at a Halesowen school for musicians to cut their own tracks and shoot videos.

Elastik Katz studio at Leasowes Business and Enterprise College features a £34,000 mixing desk, keyboard, drums and guitars as well as a performance room, and will be available for use by the whole community.

School spokesman Chris Norton said: "It is a professional studio and performance room for those who want to come and make

music." People can also use the studio, which has been funded by donations from local firms and musicians, to make singing greeting cards.

Technology

To encourage more girls into music technology the Kent Road school is starting an initiative called Kitten Club to introduce girls to studio work.

And plans for a music venue linked to the studio where gigs will be staged, are also being drawn up on the door.

"We need thoughtless motorists to think first"

CARS are being parked on a blind bend, causing a risk to buses and other vehicles on a main road in Dudley, it is claimed.

Motorists are flouting parking laws by leaving their cars on double yellow lines in Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, while they visit shops in the area.

Because of the bend in the road, oncoming drivers is unable to see the cars until the last moment, leaving little time to react.

It is also near a bus stop and a number of near misses by buses have been reported.

Dudley Council and West Midlands Police have already taken action by issuing tickets to illegally-parked vehicles and the council has provided a small car park on the opposite side of the road.

But drivers are continuing

to flout the restrictions and leave cars where they pose a risk, it is claimed.

Councillor Doreen Ameson said it was a matter of time before there was a serious accident.

"It is not the fault of businesses in the area but those using them."

"Police and the council have already looked into this problem and we have even gone to the trouble of creating a place where a few cars can park."

Distance

Councillor Ameson added: "Nothing seems to be having an effect and the cars are continuing to park on the bend."

"People seem to be unwilling to walk a slightly longer distance even though it would be safer."

"We desperately need these thoughtless motorists to think first about what they are doing."

"This is on a bus route and there is a stop nearby."

"It is a blind corner and bus drivers cannot see these cars until it is almost too late. There have been a few near misses which is why we are trying to resolve this issue," Councillor Ameson said.

Cabinet member for transport on Dudley Council, Councillor Angus Adams, said: "The council is aware of the problem in Clarence Street and some action has already been taken."

"We will be looking at what else can be done to stop this problem."

Petrol station 7am opening rejected

AN application to extend the opening hours of a petrol station in Wombourne has been rejected by councillors.

The Co-op forecourt, in School Road wanted to open at 7am instead of 8am, but South Staffordshire Council planning committee rejected the proposal.

Members were told that there were concerns it would increase disturbance to residents living opposite.

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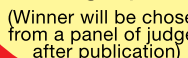
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Council tenants' £1.2m rent debt

Seaside art's so bracing



Dudley Council's tourism assistant Nicola Havers with an SS Broadfield ring lifebuoy which is part of the British seaside exhibition at Broadfield House

THE great British seaside is the theme for the latest exhibition at a Black Country museum.

Staff at Broadfield House Glass Museum, in Kingswinford, have been busy preparing for the exhibition, which runs until September 4.

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COUNCIL house tenants in Dudley owe more than £1.2 million in unpaid rent, new figures reveal. Housing bosses at the council want to reduce the amount of debt by helping residents who are struggling to pay their bills.

Following the introduction of specialist teams tasked with slashing the amount of money owed, the authority has been able to claw back £307,199 since April 2009, but the total amount of rent arrears still stands at £1,245,856. The council is introducing evening phone sessions to make it easier to contact tenants.

The authority is also taking payments directly over the phone when making repayment agreements.

Former council tenants have paid back £339,488 after being sent reminder letters.

Dudley Council's cabinet member for adult, community and housing services, Councillor David Simms, said: "The teams have risen to the challenge and at the end of December 2010 had reduced the level of current rent arrears to £1,245,856 which represents a reduction of £307,199 since April 2009."

Fortnightly

"In addition, the specialist income management teams have collected £339,488 from former tenant debt."

Earlier this month, the council approved a rent increase averaging 6.7 per cent for tenants.

It was the biggest increase in almost a decade for the 24,000 council homes. The move is expected to bring in £5.2m. Dudley Council will be allowed to keep only £1.4m, the rest going to the Government.

Councillor Simms added: "We have 7,599 accounts which show a balance of more than £0.01. However, only 2,247 accounts have more than two weeks' average rent outstanding."

"It must also be noted that people pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly, including direct debit payers, and these figures will include tenants in the middle of a payment cycle."

New life for old industrial estate

MULTI-million pound plans to transform a vandal-plagued industrial estate at Blackheath into 250 homes and businesses will be submitted to council chiefs in the summer.

Developer PXP West Midlands aims to transform the 22-acre Excelsior Trading Estate, in Cakemore Road, into houses and industrial units.

In 1928, the site became the home of Associated Electrical Industries, and it was bought by the General Electric Company in 1967.

Caravans

But in recent years the site has become a magnet for vandals. In 2009 two thieves were suffocated by carbon dioxide in a bungled raid at the former Fontana nuts and bolts factory when they triggered a fire alarm system in an electricity sub-station.

Travellers moved on to the estate in caravans later the same year.

PXP West Midlands managing director Mark Stapleton said: "We bought the Excelsior Trading Estate in 2009. We've now cleared the site and we want to turn it into a mixed-use development."

"We're aiming to submit a planning application for later this summer."

The site was a hotbed of industrial activity, but it has been in decline for several years."

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Mum Julie stepping out to say thanks

A HALESOWEN health shop worker is on a mission to raise more than £1,000 for the hospital staff who saved her son from meningitis.

Julie Davies, who works at the Holland and Barrett shop, in the Cornbow Centre, will be joining son Joshua for the annual BRMB Walkathon, on Sunday, May 8.

Dad, Stewart, and three-year-old sister, Jessica, will also be taking part in the seven-mile family fundraiser.

Grateful

Eight-year-old Joshua, of Rubery, was rushed into Birmingham's Children's Hospital three days before Christmas, last year, where he spent three days in the intensive care unit and a further 11 days on the ward.

He has now been back at school for four weeks but is still undergoing tests to find out the cause of a blood clot which he developed whilst in hospital.

Julie said: "We are so thankful that he has come out of this ordeal almost unscathed."

"Before he went into hospital he had a various symptoms which were extremely worrying to witness and without the help and efficiency of the staff at the hospital he wouldn't be here today."

"We can't express how grateful



Julie Davies with son Joshua in Halesowen

we are for their hard work and dedication.

"Doing the BRMB walkathon is our way of giving something back to the staff. We wanted to do more

than just say thank you." The family have already raised more than £700 through donations from Joshua's school, Holywell Primary, in Rubery, and the Halesowen branch of Holland and Barrett.

They are now hopeful they will smash their £1,000 target and are urging for people to continue showing their support.

Julie said: "We have received an overwhelming amount of money so far but we are eager to keep encouraging people to sponsor us and through their generosity help Joshua say a very big thank you."

Mascot

"The money that we raise will go to help with the improvement of the children's ward and its facilities. It's the very least we can do to support such a deserving team."

Joshua also won the chance to become a mascot at the Birmingham City v Arsenal game, at Wembley, last month, after he was entered into a competition by his father.

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A TOTAL of 42 people in Sandwell's employment and skills department will lose their jobs after grants for deprived areas were pulled. At a meeting last week it was confirmed that staff including careers advisers, tutors and trainers working with apprentices will go after Working Neighbourhoods Fund, European Social Fund and Department of Work and Pensions assistance was cut.

Hotel's bid to expand is renewed

A £5 MILLION scheme to extend an historic hotel near Stourbridge has been resurrected months after being shelved in a row between its owners and English Heritage.

Revised proposals to create 23 new bedrooms, a conference suite and spa at Grade II-listed Dunsley Hall Hotel, Kinver, have now been submitted to South Staffordshire Council.

The improvements could create up to 170 new jobs in the area and owners Terrie and Wilf Beardsmore hope work will be completed by next year, if approval is granted.

They aim to create a five-star hotel in the region in time for the 2012 Olympics.

Mr and Mrs Beardsmore were forced to rethink their original plans after English Heritage criticised a proposed extension to the main hall, which it said would be disproportionate to the existing building and out of keeping with its character.

An extension still forms part of the new scheme, but has now been redesigned to lessen its impact. It will

comprise a part single, part two-storey link block connecting the main hall to a new conference block.

It will be arranged over three floors and a basement will be created to reduce the scale of the development and will include a cinema, function room and storage area.

The first floor accommodation, including seven additional bedrooms, will also be built into the roof of the extension - again lessening the scale of the proposed building.

Other plans include converting a stable block to create three luxury bedrooms and refurbishing glasshouses and potting sheds to create a spa.

Studied

Dilapidated garages will be demolished and replaced with an extension linking the stable block and spa.

Plans were submitted to the council on March 1, but a date when they will be discussed by the planning committee has yet to be decided.

Mr and Mrs Beardsmore were unavailable for comment on the scheme.

English Heritage said it not yet studied the new plans and had not been requested to do so by the council.

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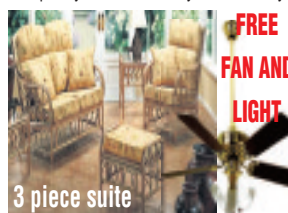
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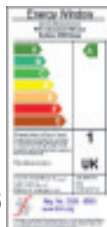
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Campaigning for a royal wedding street party in The Portway, Kingswinford, are residents, rear, from left, John Edmunds, Matthew Walters and Sean Bielecki. At the front are Antoinette Denston, left and Kay Baker

THE brakes have been put on plans for a street party to celebrate the royal wedding because it would disrupt a bus service in Dudley.

Disappointed families are now urging the council to make a U-turn on the decision.

They say celebrations planned in The Portway, Kingswinford, to mark the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton have been left in tatters. More than 30 residents asked for the road to be closed for a few hundred yards between the Stream Road and Cranham Drive junctions for the party on Friday, April 29.

But Dudley Council has refused on the grounds that it would disrupt a bus service on the route.

An offer had already been made to install a soft play area for children free of charge for the event and one resident planned to bake a mini wedding cake.

Families said they had contacted National Express West Midlands and said the area they wanted to close off did not include a bus stop.

Diversion

Portway pub licensee Kay Baker, who was helping to organise the party, said: "We have already checked about the buses.

In the past there has been a short diversion - literally a right turn along another street - put in place," she said. "Plans for the party have been very popular in the community.

"Meetings to plan it have been held here at the pub and the room has been packed.

Dudley Council's cabinet member for transport Councillor Angus Adams said: "It is a route for emergency services vehicles and buses.

"It has been recommended to the landlady that the pub's substantial car park might be considered for the event."

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Children dig in for tree-planting

PUPILS from two Halesowen schools joined green-fingered residents to take part in a tree planting ceremony.

Children from Colley Lane Primary and Cradley CofE Primary planted six trees at Homer Hill Park, Cradley.

They were joined by the Friends of Homer Hill Park to help carry out the planting.

It is hoped the new additions to the site will add year round colour and interest to the park.

The friends' group organised the planting morning to encourage children and young people to visit the park and help take care of it. The friends also hope it will encourage pupils to see how the trees have grown and to get involved in their park.

Primary schools in the area have worked on previous environmental projects with the friends group to help children understand the importance of green spots.

Members of the Friends of Homer Hill Park say anyone interested or attending a meeting will be very welcome.

For details email friends@homerhillpark@hotmail.co.uk or phone Val Bloomer on 01384 635969.



Jessica Hill, 11, from Colley Lane Primary, and Jack Taylor, aged nine, of Cradley CofE Primary, planting with Councillor Richard Body, chairman of the Friends of Homer Hill Park



David Daly with his dog Chip and the new warning system he has designed

A NEW "traffic light" warning system alerting people to dangerous dogs has been launched by a Midland animal lover after witnessing dogs trying to attack his daughters.

David Daly, aged 39, said his two young daughters - aged 10 and eight - had been snapped at numerous times while trying to pet strange animals. With help from Wolverhampton Business Link, Mr Daly has patented a design on an "animal behaviour sleeve" fitted over a normal lead, coloured red for "danger", amber for "caution" and green for "safe" and friendly.

Understand

"My daughters go up to any strange dog, thinking they will be as friendly as ours - they've been raised around dogs and don't understand some just aren't," said Mr Daly, of Swindon, near Dudley.

"It's things like that which made me think that there must be something that could pre-warn children."

Mr Daly, who runs the tea shop at Baggeridge Country Park, near Sedgley, has invested around £4,000 in the venture and the first major batch of the sleeves - which also include a pouch for treats and doggy bags - is currently being made by Wolverhampton's LS Manufacturing.

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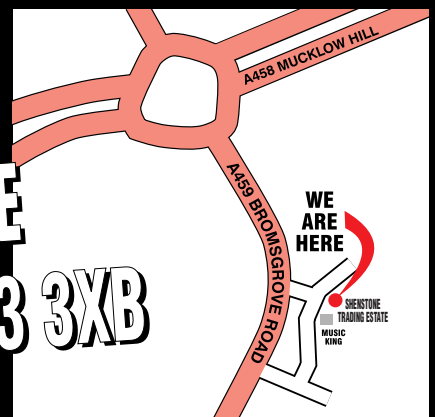


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Lifeline for cafe comes at price

A DUDLEY cafe threatened with closure looks likely to survive after its owner agreed to pay thousands of pounds towards road improvements in the town.

The French Connection Baguette House in High Street was told it needed permission as a cafe if it continued to serve cooked meals.

Businessman Mustafa Ulukus has been running a sandwich shop in the town centre for 12 years but moved to High Street two years ago. He was told he needed a different planning permission to run the business as a cafe.

Mr Ulukus submitted a retrospective planning application for change of use in November 2009.

Application

But it was rejected by the council because he would not pay an original demand for £8,000, which was later reduced to £3,372. He branded the demands as greedy and unfair.

But he was told he had four months to comply with the order as a condition of planning permission or face being closed down. He said he has now agreed to pay the £3,372 and hopes the change of use for his cafe will be given the go-ahead by the council.

Dudley Council spokesman Chris Howes said: "We have advised the owner he needs to resubmit an application for a change of use and settle the planning contribution."

In shape for summer

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Couple's toast to gold romance



Sam and Sandra Lockley, of Coseley, toast their golden wedding anniversary

A LOVING couple from Coseley are celebrating 50 years of marriage by returning to the seaside resort they visited on honeymoon.

Sam and Sandra Lockley married on March 4, 1961, at St Mary's in Sedgley after dating for three years.

Now, 50 years on, they are returning to their honeymoon destination of Newquay to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs Lockley, aged 69, said: "We had planned to have two bridesmaids and two pageboys but a couple of days before the wedding my mother, who was making the dresses, revealed 10 bridesmaids' outfits, all modelled by the local neighbouring girls. It was such a wonderful surprise."

The couple, from Poynton Close, have two children, Jane, 48 and Andrew, 44, as well as five grandchildren.

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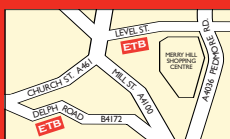
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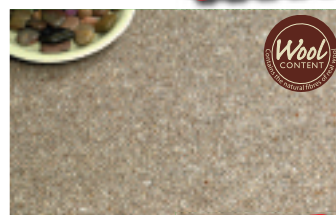
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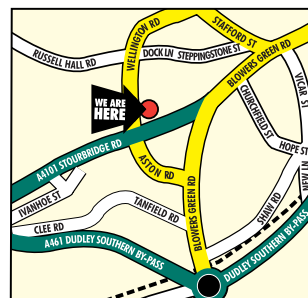
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Managing director Nigel Elliott, right, with son and sales director Matt



Warehouse manager Jason Belcher at work

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FOR a quarter of a century NE Fasteners has been one of the Black Country's bedrock engineering companies, playing a vital role in the manufacturing supply chain.

It supplies a huge range of wood screws, wall plugs, washers, sockets and furniture fixings to companies across the UK and into Europe, with more than 4,000 products on its books.

Last year it celebrated its 25th year after Nigel Elliott started the business from his garage in 1985, surviving several recessions and bouncing back with a record sales year, new products and several new staff members.

General manager Martin Hawkins said: "We now employ eight people and, while

demand is erratic at the moment, we achieved turnover of just under £1 million last year and expect to break that barrier this year.

"One of our big successes has been in packs and kits of parts, sometimes with special finishes, for flat-pack furniture manufacturers and TV stands.

Plastics

"We are making sure we supply a range of different industries, so we always have something to fall back on if one starts to slow down."

The company, based on the Waterfall Lane Trading Estate in Cradley Heath, has also made a point of a flexible approach, working with its manufacturing customers to adapt its products and packaging to

their needs. It also aims to keep its prices competitive by sourcing stocks direct from the Far East, India and Eastern Europe, although Martin Hawkins said the company tried to make a point of finding suppliers in the UK where it could.

After a quarter of a century, Nigel Elliott is still very much at the helm, working closely with his son and fellow director Matt.

"The company's name came from his decision to use his initials NE as a play on the words 'for any fastener requirement'."

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Alan the installer

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Side by Side with trophies

A THEATRE and dance group for people with learning disabilities is celebrating after scooping four awards at two performing arts festivals.

Stourbridge-based Side by Side Theatre Company won three awards at the Dudley Festival of Music, Drama and Dance, picking up outstanding and distinction prizes for their plays as well as the chairman's trophy for group-devised theatre.

Members followed up at the Worcestershire Theatre Festival by winning the Peter Melors trophy for the most original piece of theatre. The group's latest awards have been added to a hoard of almost 70 to be presented since their formation 14 years ago.

Michael Collier, presenter on BBC's Midlands Today, is a patron of the group and dropped in to congratulate them.

Side by Side's most recent production, Who is Pilgrim?, will be performed at the Prague Fringe Festival in May.

A spokeswoman for the group said: "The trip has taken two years to plan and we hope it will be another step forwards in showing that people with learning disabilities can train in the performing arts and create exciting, original and enjoyable theatre."

A performance of Who is Pilgrim? will follow at Stourbridge Town Hall from June 22-24.

Visit www.sidebysidetheatre-companystourbridge.co.uk for more information.



Trophies galore for Side by Side members, back from left, Mark Slater, Judy Alcock, James Emtage and Claire Attwood. Front, Amanda Hill, Sarah Field and Judy Crosby

It's custard and red noses

CUSTARD, fancy dress and red noses galore have been lined up for a host of Comic Relief activities at an Amblecote supermarket.

Staff at Sainsbury's, on Sandringham Way, have already been fundraising by selling red nose merchandise and some customers have rounded up their bills at the checkouts to donate money.

On Red Nose Day, which takes place this Friday (18), store trainer Margo Houghton will undergo a sponsored silence in

fancy dress. From 11am-1pm store manager Vernon Dix will be on the car park in a bath full of custard.

Colleagues and customers can throw wet sponges at Mr Dix for a small donation to Comic Relief.

Between 1pm and 2pm staff will perform an Austin Powers dance routine in the aisles and will also bag-pack throughout the day hoping to raise even more money for the cause.

Balloons and stickers will be available for children, who can

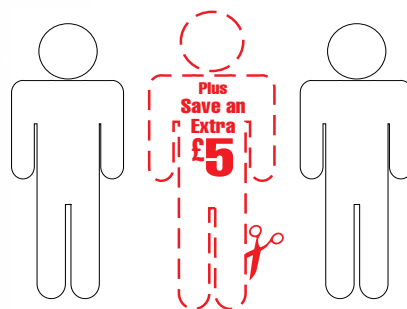
help fill a giant red nose with their loose change.

PR ambassador at Sainsbury's Amblecote, Julie Bate, recently took a Fairtrade trip to Malawi where she saw some of Comic Relief's work in person.

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the pulse

These boys nose they are wanted

SINCE shooting straight to number one last year, Britain's newest heartthrobs – The Wanted – are set to cause a stir on their first UK tour.

Having spent the last 12 months touring Europe the boys are back doing something funny for money as they spearhead Comic Relief's official single.

The single, Gold Forever, marks a day in your life you will never forget and with their debut release All Time Low topping the chart, last August...



ust, the Brit nominees are set for many more memorable times. Their tour, which kicks off on March 29, will see them grace the Wolverhampton Civic stage on April 11.

After forming in an East London pub the edgy-pop band have started as they mean to go on, working hard but partying harder. Their rough and tumble energy and down to earth nature sets them well apart from the clichéd, ballad-singing boy band.

Tom, the eldest of the group at 22, said: "It is an absolute honour to be fronting the Comic Relief single."

"When we first started out none of us expected us to be doing something this huge so soon."

"The fun we have definitely shows through in Gold Forever, we do something funny everyday and we love a good party. We hope everyone will back the single."

"We're not like your regular boy band, we don't want to conform to that stereotype and we want our fans to see the real us and enjoy our unique sound."

"We've never been to Wolverhampton before but we know we have a lot of supporters from the city and we are very excited to finally come and meet them."

With over nine million plays of their videos on YouTube and more than 400,000 fans on Facebook the tour promises to be the first of many from one of the year's biggest breakthrough acts.



Your chance to meet star Taylor

ONE of America's biggest new singing stars, Taylor Swift, is coming to the West Midlands next week – and The Chronicle is offering one lucky reader and a friend the chance to meet the four-time Grammy winner and see her in concert at the LG Arena.

The 21-year-old will be in concert on Tuesday (22) as one of only three concerts in the UK in support of her new Speak Now album.

Known for her incredible high energy shows, Taylor Swift will be performing hits from her three albums including the chart-topping Love Story, You Belong To Me, Fifteen and Mine, as part of her 15-month, 107-date world tour.

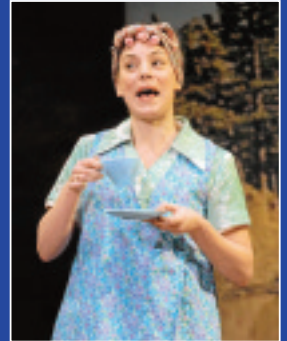
She is the top selling digital music artist in history, had the best selling album of the year in 2009 and regularly tops both pop and country music charts in America. All this in less than five years since the singer, songwriter and actress from Pennsylvania made her debut.

● For your chance to meet the star and see her in concert at the LG on Tuesday evening, call us tomorrow (Friday March 18) on 01902 319571 between 10am and noon, and tell us the name of her latest album. The winner will be chosen that same day. We will require your name, address, email, mobile telephone number and date of birth. Anyone aged under 16 will have to be accompanied by an adult. Usual Chronicle rules apply and the editor's decision is final.



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Golden celebration of life on the most famous street

BIRMINGHAM'S New Alexandra Theatre is taking inspiration from the longest-running TV soap with Corrie from Monday to Saturday, an affectionate celebration of 50 years of Coronation Street which got its premiere in Salford a year ago.

Former Street star Ken Morley (who played supermarket boss Reg Holdsworth) is the special guest narrator for the show, which recalls celebrated scenes from the soap's half century and was written by one of the show's scriptwriters, Jonathan Harvey.

The cast of six will take on several roles each to play such familiar characters as Ena Sharples, Elsie Tanner, Hilda Ogden, Bet Lynch, Jack and Vera Duckworth, Ken and Deirdre Barlow, murderous Richard Hillman and trouble-prone Steve MacDonald.

Roald Dahl fantasy for children **George's Marvellous Medicine** continues at the Alex to Saturday and then former Supreme Mary Wilson will appear as part of a classic soul double bill with **The Chi-Lites** at the theatre this Sunday night.

Movie musicals reign supreme at Birmingham Hippodrome where **Footloose The Dance Musical** is followed by **The Blues Brothers** for a six day run from Monday.

No sooner has former Busted singer Matt Willis stomped his last on the Hippodrome stage on Saturday in the celebration of 1980s music, than the clock turns back to the sounds of 1960s R&B in the show with the incredibly long title... **The All New Original Tribute to The Blues Brothers The Smash Hit Musical**. The suited and pork pie-hatted duo and some soulful guest singers will be belting out the sounds of Chicago and Detroit to Saturday in the show inspired by the cult 1980 movie from director John Landis.

After Wolverhampton Musica Comedy Company's production of Disney's **High School Musical** completes its run at Wolverhampton Grand on Saturday, the Lichfield Street theatre hosts **The Russian**



State Ballet and Orchestra of Siberia. They perform *The Nutcracker* on Sunday (at 4pm), *Romeo and Juliet* on Monday evening and *Swan Lake* on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday at the Grand songs from the shows, with particular attention to Les Miserables, will be performed by West End singers in **Beyond The Barricade** and on Thursday (24) Opera Della Luna perform Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta **HMS Pinafore**.

Sequel

Mind The Gap present an award-winning adaptation John Steinbeck's classic 'Great American Depression' drama **Of Mice And Men** at Wolverhampton's Arena twice today (Thu). Nobody's Perfect present the comedy **World Of Pain**, Rugeley writer Phil Preece's sequel



to his **House Of Pain**, tomorrow (Fri). Birmingham Rep, now on the road whilst its theatre is partly rebuilt, comes to the Arena on Monday with Lucy Caldwell's powerful new play about a dying child, **Notes To Future Self**. The play, the last directed for

the Rep by outgoing artistic director Rachel Kavanaugh, won critical acclaim during its recent run in Birmingham.

Crescent Theatre presents Tennessee Williams' US Deep South drama **Cat On A Hot Tin Roof** at the theatre on Sheepcote Street in Birmingham from Saturday to March 26.

Orchestra

St Patrick's Day is marked by veteran Irish music greats **The Dubliners** tonight (Thu) at Birmingham Town Hall. Other concert highlights in the second city include English folk from **Kate Rusby** (Town Hall, Friday); Bollywood legend **Asha Bhosle** with sitar virtuoso Shujaat Khan (Symphony Hall, Friday); **The Australian Pink Floyd Show** (Symphony Hall, Monday); theatrical 10-piece performance orchestra **The**



Left: The Russian State Ballet in action - the world-famous company can be seen at Wolverhampton Grand; above, Jo Mousley as the unforgettable Hilda Ogden in Corrie at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre; and below, a scene from The Blues Brothers The Smash Hit Musical, which is running at Birmingham Hippodrome for six days from Monday

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Kitchen Live 06.00 Raymond
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06.00 BBC News: Regional
News 06.10 Football
Focus 06.15 A Question of Sport
(F) 06.20 Quiz TV (F) 06.30 Live
Six Nations Rugby Union:
Scotland v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm)
06.30 Live Six Nations Rugby
Union: Ireland v England (Kick-off
5.00pm) John Innes (presenters
coverage of this evening's
decisive match at the Aviva
Stadium in Dublin)

12.15 BBC News: Regional
News: Yorkshire
12.30 Live Six Nations Rugby
Union: France v Wales
(Kick-off 7.45pm)
Gabby Logan presents
coverage of the final
match of this year's
championship, staged
at the Stade de France
in Paris

06.00 The National Lottery
Saturday Night Draw
Jenni Falconer presents
the all-important Lotto,
Thunderball and Lotto
Plus 5 draw

06.00 BBC News: Yorkshire
06.10 The Daily Garry
Lineker presents
highlights of today's
Premier League
action, including
Manchester United v
Bolton Wanderers and
Tottenham Hotspur v
West Ham United

06.10 The Football League
Show: Highlights and all
the goals from today's
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BBC2

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Western, starring James Stewart
06.20 Into the West (F) 06.30
Churches: How to Build Them
(F) 06.40 Final Score 06.50
Priceless Antiques Roadshow
06.55 Escape to the Country (F)

06.55 Play Making a profit
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06.55 Dr. O'Grady: The
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Cooper: The life and
work of the comedian
(F)

06.55 The Story of Verity
with Helen Mirren
Part one of two. The
popularity of variety
shows in the post-war
years

06.55 Christopher and His
Katie: Period drama,
starring Michael Smith
and Toby Jones. Michael
Christopher's character
sets out on a journey of
self-discovery in 1930s
Berlin after a failed love
affair

06.55 The Tenth: Henry's
pleasure at the
conclusion of the siege
of Boulogne proves
short-lived

06.55 ICC Cricket World Cup
Highlights: Australia v
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06.55 Film: QMA (1980) Police
thriller, starring Nick Nolte

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Comedy, starring Michael J Fox
06.40 Film: Ewan Macra (2007)
Comedy, co-starring Steve
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06.50 ITV News: News
Presenting a
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Channel 5

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BBC2 5.00 Cbeebies, 7.00 CBBC, 8.30 Cbeebies, 11.55 MeeNant Minor, (P) 12.00 Daily Politics, 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah, 1.00 Diagnostic Murder (P), 1.55 To Buy or Not to Buy: Reflection on Football, 2.00 Royal 11:35 Helicopter Heroes, (P) 3.30 Pointbreak, 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is, 6.00 Eyewitness, (P) 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs, 7.00 Mollie's Sockies: Precklen Bill Bling?, 8.00 University Challenge, 8.30 Raymond Blanc: Kitchen Secrets, 8.50 The Secret War on Terror, 9.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks, (P) 9.30 Newswatch: Weather, 11.00 Royal Cabinet, (P) 11.25 An Island Family, (P) 1.55 BBC News, 9.00

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And Away, 10:5 *Neighbour*, 2:15 *The Wreckage*
Show, 3:05 *The Family Recipe*, 3:15 *First*
Countdown to D-Day, (2004) *Foot-Ball* Second
World War drama, starring *Tom Selleck*, 5:00
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BBC1 8.00 Breakfast, 8.15 Help! Hunters!
9.00 Homes Under the Hammer
BBC News; Weather, 11.00 Britland
Error! News, 11.30 Catching the Big Fish: Nordic Dilemma
Weather, 12.00 Regional News; Weather, 12.30
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News; Weather; Regional News, 3.05 CBBC
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BBC News; Weather, 6.55 Regional News
One Show, 7.30 The Boat That Got Built, BBC
News; Regional News, 8.00 Ant & Dec's
Mashed, 8.30 BBC News, 8.25 Regional
News; Weather, 8.55 Regional News
Chairman of the Exchange, 9.30 The National
Lottery/Wealthy Night Draw, 9.50 World
In a Year, 10.15 Film: Shattered Glass
BBC News; Weather, 10.30 Regional News
Weather, 10.55 Sign a Name, County Ticker,
11.15 Topped Places to Be a Millionaire, 11.25

BBC2 6.50 *Obscene!* 7.00 *CBC* 6.30 *Obscene!* 11.30 *The Buxton* 21.00
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Tonic Around British Ford Civic 9.35
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Your Money Where Your Mouth Is 6.00 *Eggheads*
9.30 *Roight Upstairs Downstairs* 20.00 *Escape*
to the Country 9.30 *Great British Food*
Revisited 6.00 *The Truth About Lions* 9.00 *Model*
Week April 9.30 *Newswatch* *Weather*
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Highlight: 12:25 *News*; 3:00 *BBC Learning Zone*

ITV1 6:00 *Express*; 6:30 *Loriot*; 8:25 *The 100th Anniversary Special*; 9:00 *News*; 10:25 *The Learning Zone*

12:20 *The Chancery Court*; 1:30 *Ant & Dec's Saturday Speed*; 1:50 *ITV News*; 2:00 *Weather*; 1:55 *Regional News*; 2:00 *Weather*; 2:50 *60 Minutes*; 3:00 *ITV News*; 3:05 *Regional News*; 3:10 *Weather*; 3:55 *60 Minutes*; 4:00 *ITV News*; 4:05 *Midknight Minder*; (R) 5:00 *The Chase*; (R) 6:00 *Regional News*; 6:00 *Weather*; 6:30 *ITV News*; 6:35 *Weather*; 6:40 *Stenson by the Chancery Court*; 7:00 *News*; 7:05 *Emmerdale*; 7:10 *The Unforgettable James*; 7:15 *Midknight Minder*; 8:00 *ITV News*; 8:10 *Ant & Dec's Saturday Speed*; 8:15 *Regional News*; 8:20 *Weather*; 8:25 *Ant & Dec's Saturday Speed*; (R) 8:30 *The Zone*; 9:00 *ITV News*; 9:05 *Regional News*; 9:10 *Weather*; 9:15 *ITV News*; 9:20 *ITV News*; 9:25 *ITV News*; 9:30 *ITV News*; 9:35 *ITV News*; 9:40 *ITV News*; 9:45 *ITV News*; 9:50 *ITV News*; 9:55 *ITV News*; 10:00 *ITV News*; 10:05 *ITV News*; 10:10 *ITV News*; 10:15 *ITV News*; 10:20 *ITV News*; 10:25 *ITV News*; 10:30 *ITV News*; 10:35 *ITV News*; 10:40 *ITV News*; 10:45 *ITV News*; 10:50 *ITV News*; 10:55 *ITV News*; 11:00 *ITV News*; 11:05 *ITV News*; 11:10 *ITV News*; 11:15 *ITV News*; 11:20 *ITV News*; 11:25 *ITV News*; 11:30 *ITV News*; 11:35 *ITV News*; 11:40 *ITV News*; 11:45 *ITV News*; 11:50 *ITV News*; 11:55 *ITV News*; 12:00 *ITV News*; 12:05 *ITV News*; 12:10 *ITV News*; 12:15 *ITV News*; 12:20 *ITV News*; 12:25 *ITV News*; 12:30 *ITV News*; 12:35 *ITV News*; 12:40 *ITV News*; 12:45 *ITV News*; 12:50 *ITV News*; 12:55 *ITV News*; 1:00 *ITV News*; 1:05 *ITV News*; 1:10 *ITV News*; 1:15 *ITV News*; 1:20 *ITV News*; 1:25 *ITV News*; 1:30 *ITV News*; 1:35 *ITV News*; 1:40 *ITV News*; 1:45 *ITV News*; 1:50 *ITV News*; 1:55 *ITV News*; 2:00 *ITV News*; 2:05 *ITV News*; 2:10 *ITV News*; 2:15 *ITV News*; 2:20 *ITV News*; 2:25 *ITV News*; 2:30 *ITV News*; 2:35 *ITV News*; 2:40 *ITV News*; 2:45 *ITV News*; 2:50 *ITV News*; 2:55 *ITV News*; 3:00 *ITV News*; 3:05 *ITV News*; 3:10 *ITV News*; 3:15 *ITV News*; 3:20 *ITV News*; 3:25 *ITV News*; 3:30 *ITV News*; 3:35 *ITV News*; 3:40 *ITV News*; 3:45 *ITV News*; 3:50 *ITV News*; 3:55 *ITV News*; 4:00 *ITV News*; 4:05 *ITV News*; 4:10 *ITV News*; 4:15 *ITV News*; 4:20 *ITV News*; 4:25 *ITV News*; 4:30 *ITV News*; 4:35 *ITV News*; 4:40 *ITV News*; 4:45 *ITV News*; 4:50 *ITV News*; 4:55 *ITV News*; 5:00 *ITV News*; 5:05 *ITV News*; 5:10 *ITV News*; 5:15 *ITV News*; 5:20 *ITV News*; 5:25 *ITV News*; 5:30 *ITV News*; 5:35 *ITV News*; 5:40 *ITV News*; 5:45 *ITV News*; 5:50 *ITV News*; 5:55 *ITV News*; 6:00 *ITV News*; 6:05 *ITV News*; 6:10 *ITV News*; 6:15 *ITV News*; 6:20 *ITV News*; 6:25 *ITV News*; 6:30 *ITV News*; 6:35 *ITV News*; 6:40 *ITV News*; 6:45 *ITV News*; 6:50 *ITV News*; 6:55 *ITV News*; 7:00 *ITV News*; 7:05 *ITV News*; 7:10 *ITV News*; 7:15 *ITV News*; 7:20 *ITV News*; 7:25 *ITV News*; 7:30 *ITV News*; 7:35 *ITV News*; 7:40 *ITV News*; 7:45 *ITV News*; 7:50 *ITV News*; 7:55 *ITV News*; 8:00 *ITV News*; 8:05 *ITV News*; 8:10 *ITV News*; 8:15 *ITV News*; 8:20 *ITV News*; 8:25 *ITV News*; 8:30 *ITV News*; 8:35 *ITV News*; 8:40 *ITV News*; 8:45 *ITV News*; 8:50 *ITV News*; 8:55 *ITV News*; 9:00 *ITV News*; 9:05 *ITV News*; 9:10 *ITV News*; 9:15 *ITV News*; 9:20 *ITV News*; 9:25 *ITV News*; 9:30 *ITV News*; 9:35 *ITV News*; 9:40 *ITV News*; 9:45 *ITV News*; 9:50 *ITV News*; 9:55 *ITV News*; 10:00 *ITV News*; 10:05 *ITV News*; 10:10 *ITV News*; 10:15 *ITV News*; 10:20 *ITV News*; 10:25 *ITV News*; 10:30 *ITV News*; 10:35 *ITV News*; 10:40 *ITV News*; 10:45 *ITV News*; 10:50 *ITV News*; 10:55 *ITV News*; 11:00 *ITV News*; 11:05 *ITV News*; 11:10 *ITV News*; 11:15 *ITV News*; 11:20 *ITV News*; 11:25 *ITV News*; 11:30 *ITV News*; 11:35 *ITV News*; 11:40 *ITV News*; 11:45 *ITV News*; 11:50 *ITV News*; 11:55 *ITV News*; 12:00 *ITV News*; 12:05 *ITV News*; 12:10 *ITV News*; 12:15 *ITV News*; 12:20 *ITV News*; 12:25 *ITV News*; 12:30 *ITV News*; 12:35 *ITV News*; 12:40 *ITV News*; 12:45 *ITV News*; 12:50 *ITV News*; 12:55 *ITV News*; 1:00 *ITV News*; 1:05 *ITV News*; 1:10 *ITV News*; 1:15 *ITV News*; 1:20 *ITV News*; 1:25 *ITV News*; 1:30 *ITV News*; 1:35 *ITV News*; 1:40 *ITV News*; 1:45 *ITV News*; 1:50 *ITV News*; 1:55 *ITV News*; 2:00 *ITV News*; 2:05 *ITV News*; 2:10 *ITV News*; 2:15 *ITV News*; 2:20 *ITV News*; 2:25 *ITV News*; 2:30 *ITV News*; 2:35 *ITV News*; 2:40 *ITV News*; 2:45 *ITV News*; 2:50 *ITV News*; 2:55 *ITV News*; 3:00 *ITV News*; 3:05 *ITV News*; 3:10 *ITV News*; 3:15 *ITV News*; 3:20 *ITV News*; 3:25 *ITV News*; 3:30 *ITV News*; 3:35 *ITV News*; 3:40 *ITV News*; 3:45 *ITV News*; 3:50 *ITV News*; 3:55 *ITV News*; 4:00 *ITV News*; 4:05 *ITV News*; 4:10 *ITV News*; 4:15 *ITV News*; 4:20 *ITV News*; 4:25 *ITV News*; 4:30 *ITV News*; 4:35 *ITV News*; 4:40 *ITV News*; 4:45 *ITV News*; 4:50 *ITV News*; 4:55 *ITV News*; 5:00 *ITV News*; 5:05 *ITV News*; 5:10 *ITV News*; 5:15 *ITV News*; 5:20 *ITV News*; 5:25 *ITV News*; 5:30 *ITV News*; 5:35 *ITV News*; 5:40 *ITV News*; 5:

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Show 3.05 The Family Recipe 3.15 Film
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Emergency Edition 8.15 News 8. 8.00 NCIS
8.30 Law & Order Criminal Intent 9. 9.00 Law
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 3.35 Hello! Heroes. 4.30 Politics. 5.00
 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00
 Eyewitness. 6.30 Royal Upstairs Downstairs.
 7.00 Windows/Wars. 8.00 A Farmer's Life for Me.
 8.00 The British at Work. 9.00 The Grumpy
 Guide to Work. 9.30 Newsnight. 10.00
 11.00 Budget Response. 11.15 ICC Closes
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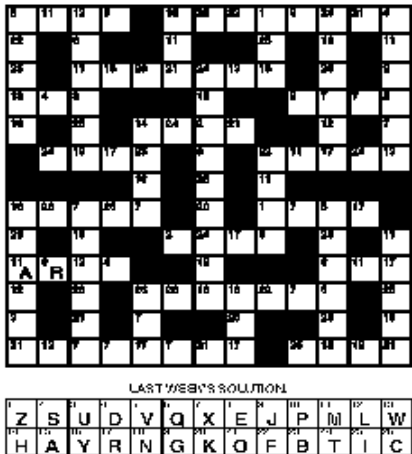
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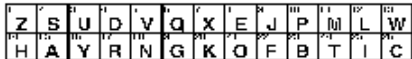
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Cryptic Clues:

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- Excellent start at school? (5,5)
- They cause suffering - observe great care (5)
- It has no meaning (7)
- People may have to put up with her (8)
- An element of jazz in classical music (4)
- It's not so hot in this (4)
- Put to a musical sniffer (6)
- Agrees, but says nothing (4)
- It's not right having more staples (4,4)
- Takes good steps not to have to walk in the streets (7)
- Get from the healthy I care about? (5)
- If your cards are this, you can't want to eat them! (2,3,5)

Down

- In the ignorance may make one pretend (5)
- Found the answer again, being deter mined (8)
- A long speech from one in business (6)
- Abandoned post (4)
- A Parliamentary term? (7)
- They presumably hope not to miss the post (10)
- A chance one is fortunate to get (5,5)
- Taller to many head bristles (8)
- Scrap an aged gold club (5,4)
- Attention seeker? (3,3)
- Without it one is utterly incompetent (5)
- A thought the birds apparently conceal (4)

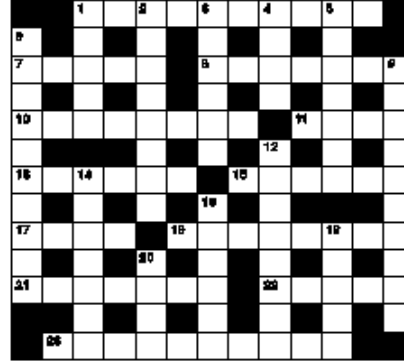
Quick Clues:

Across

- Auto (10)
- Engine (5)
- Unkind (7)
- Addressed (8)
- Just (4)
- Turkey (6)
- Vaporize (6)
- Supporter (4)
- Elly of Christ on the cross (8)
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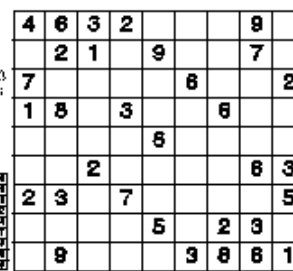
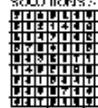
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TOYOTA VERSO-S

ROAD 1

Toyota courts 'empty nesters'

YOU are unlikely to see any 'Saga' drivers trying out their new Verso-S on the local race track – but that is not to say this new mini-MPV is unworthy of the Toyota badge.

Between 1999 and 2006 Toyota sold more than 150,000 of the Yaris Verso in Europe, but then dropped the model.

Since then the increasing number of affluent 'Saga' empty nesters wanting a car that offered high seating, easy entry and egress in a well-built, comfortable and reliable car have had to look elsewhere.

So the market has been filled by a number of other makes including the Honda Jazz, Nissan Note, Kia Venga and Hyundai ix20.

But now Toyota has bounced back into the market, and is even offering the Verso-S at a special introductory price for the next six months. The new model is based on the latest version of the Yaris, but is being built in Japan rather than France.

There are just two models to choose from, both with the same 1.3 litre 98PS petrol engine delivering only 125NM torque. So it is hardly going to win any acceleration races and needs all six ratios of its six-speed manual gearbox, or if you prefer it, the automatic CVT-7 version, to make reasonable progress.

In the CVT version you can just put the car in Drive and let it choose its own ratios, although I did find this version noisier than the manual. Surprisingly, it is more economical than the manual version.

However another advantage of this version is that it is the only automatic MPV of this size to fall into the £30 a year tax bracket – the manual is £90 a year to tax.

The car offers five comfortable fully belted seats, split rear seats that fold with just one touch, a lipless rear sill with between 393 and 336 litre of load space (more than enough for the weekly shopping trip or weekend away).

There are two trim models to choose from – the TR and the T-Spirit. The T-Spirit has even more bootspace because



The Verso S is cheap to run, easy to drive and comfortable – but no diesels are on offer. It is well equipped in both forms and has bags of room for the shopping

instead of a space saver spare it has a tyre repair kit and that makes 429 litres of space. This is because the T-Spirit comes with a super glass panoramic roof that stretches from front to rear of the car. But it is heavier than a metal roof. So to compensate Toyota dropped the spare wheel. You can always buy the spare wheel as an extra and that will not increase the car tax.

Central locking

Both models are well equipped – all have height adjustable seats, adjustable steering wheel, lots of airbags, ABS with EBD and Brake Assist, reversing camera, electric front windows, six speaker RDS radio/CD/MP3 player, manual air conditioning, remote central locking and front fog lamps.

Panoramic
The T-Spirit version gains alloy wheels, all-round electric windows, the panoramic roof and rear privacy glass.

There is also a touch screen Bluetooth information and entertainment system that doubles up for the reversing camera. And from May this year this can be boosted for £500 to become a full scale sat nav system. It will then have access to the Google local search system when used with a compatible smartphone.

Although there is a diesel version it will not be offered in the UK because Toyota GB argues that low mileage drivers will not find it cost effective to spend an extra £1,000-plus for the diesel engine. The diesel engine also does not like repeated short runs.

Toyota expects to sell around 30,000 a year in Europe and about 3,000 in the UK. Virtually all will go to retail customers, and it expects the majority of older drivers to plump for the CVT version.

Prices start from £14,645 for the TR manual, (reduced to £13,995 for six months) and £15,745 for the T-Spirit manual (reduced to £14,995) The CVT versions add £1,150. On the

road the car is easy to drive, ride quality and comfort are good and there are no squeaks or rattles.

In the standard TR version you get a lot of equipment that is not offered by the lower priced competitors, and also lower tax bands. The car also comes with the five year Toyota warranty. It is graded 8E for insurance

Fact file

Price: TR Manual: £14,645 (reduced to £13,995) T-Spirit, £15,745 (reduced to £14,995). CVT: add £1,150.

Length: 3,990mm.

Economy: Manual: 51.4 mpg, CVT: 54.3 (combined average)

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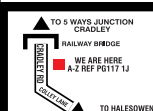
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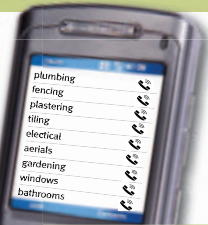
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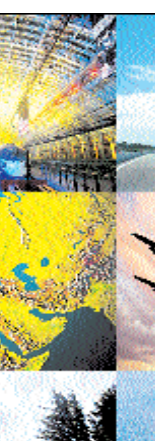
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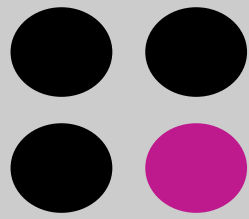
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UNLUCKY YELTZ ARE HAMSTRUNG

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The Generals created further chances, with Leon Archer breaking clear only for Yeltz keeper Louis Connor to block.

Halesowen suffered another lack of defensive concentration when Chesham doubled their lead eight minutes before half-time.

Danny Talbot's free kick was turned away by Connor, but Robert Bartley was there to side-foot the ball into the net at the far post. A touch from the offside Chris Elsegood was judged to have been made with the ball already over the goal line.

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Chesham United 3

mazy run and Mark Smith firing over the bar.

Both sides then missed further chances as Chesham's Cox lifted the ball over an open goal and Nisbett did the same at the other end.

Chesham eventually made the scoreline a flattering 3-0 in the final minute when Steve Wales broke through and slotted the ball past the advancing Connor.

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Swindon Supermarine 1

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The Yeltz earned a gutsy away point on Saturday when Andre Hinds scored three minutes from time, controlling Justin Nisbett's pass and scoring.

Swindon had gone ahead on the hour through Nick Stanley.

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Rocket Ronnie in saddle to face Heathens

THE HEATHENS are to face one of their most implacable speedway opponents - Wolves legend Ronnie Correy.

"Rocket Ronnie", now 44, is a veteran of many a titanic struggle against the Cradley Heathens.

And with the revived Dudley Heathens opening their 2011 season at Monmore Green against the USA Tourists side on April 12,

the former world pairs champion could not resist the chance to put one over on the old enemy.

USA tour chief Steve Evans, a dyed in the wool Wolves fan who now lives in California, said: "I asked Ronnie almost tongue in cheek if he was interested in having a skid."

"I emailed him the dates and he came back and said he would ride

in our meeting at Rye House and he would love to face the Heathens at Monmore Green.

"He will add some powerful strength to the team and I guess one last crack at beating the Heathens is something Ronnie just couldn't resist!"

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson said: "I was shocked when I heard this news, but it's

going to be great to see Ronnie in action.

"As a Cradley fan you would always worry when Correy and Sam Ermolenko combined against you; he was a terrific rider and I know he has kept in shape since he retired."

"Ronnie was quite popular amongst Cradley fans, which is so unusual for a Wolves rider!"

Ten-man Glassboys win



Crunch: Stourbridge's Aaron Drake challenges Weymouth keeper Nick Jordan. Picture: Tony Marsh

Billingham is the hero with a winner in stoppage time

TEN-MAN Stourbridge staged a remarkable fightback as two late goals, including a stoppage time winner from Ben Billingham, saw the Glassboys claim a startling victory.

In a see-saw contest on Tuesday night that had just about everything, Gary Hackett's men enjoyed the better of the opening half to run up a two-goal lead before trailing 3-2.

The sending-off of James Dyson appeared to be the final nail in the coffin for the hosts, yet the dismissal galvanised the Glassboys. Knowing that a win was crucial to their play-off hopes, the home side started strongly and scored in the fourth minute. Leamington failed to clear a corner and Linden Dovey's curling low shot was diverted past keeper Tony Breen by a flick from the predatory Ryan Rowe.

The visitors sought a quick

Stourbridge 4 Leamington 3

reply and Stourbridge keeper Lewis Solly had to push away a shot from Jamie Sheldon.

But Stourbridge forged further ahead in the 26th minute. A mistake from Alex Taylor let in Rowe on the right who fed Aaron Drake to beat Breen with a low shot that went in off the far post.

Pressing

The visitors were fired up after the break and soon began pressing the Stourbridge goal. The Glassboys were also hampered by changes that saw the injured Mahon replaced by Josh Craddock. In addition Nathan Bennett came on for Drake, only to pick up a head wound which saw him leave the field twice before being substituted.

In the 54th minute Leamington pulled a goal back when Rowe's cross was headed in by the

unmarked Jacob Blyth. Pressure mounted and Leamington made the game all square in the 65th minute. A deep corner from Sheldon saw Daly's header saved only for Neil Barnfield to net from close range.

Nine minutes later Barnfield set up Rowe to shoot low past Solly and send the travelling supporters into raptures. Moments later Dyson received a straight red card after a lunging tackle on Lee Downes.

Yet on 83 minutes Dovey's tame spot-kick, awarded for handball, was saved only for the Stourbridge man to convert the rebound.

A frantic finale saw scrambles in both boxes before Craddock's fine ball was flicked over the head of a defender by Billingham who finished with a sumptuous lob.

On Saturday goals from Nathan Bennett and Ryan Rowe - scoring in his sixth successive match - were not enough as Stourbridge lost 3-2 at Weymouth.

Missed kick aids Saxons' push for win

Stourbridge Saxons 21 Otley 19

A LAST-GASP missed conversion was enough to help Stourbridge bank four points from their National One contest with relegation-threatened Otley.

The Saxons scored three fine tries but never quite hit the attacking heights reached during their defeat at Redruth a week earlier.

However, the overall outcome was a better one and as the golfing adage states: "It is less about how, and more about how many."

Director of rugby Neil Mitchell will also have relished the efforts of first-time half-back partners Sam Robinson and Peter White, *writes Paul Smith*.

Diminutive scrum-half White varied his game superbly, while newly-returned Robinson's ability to play-make 'in traffic' on the gainline brings an exciting new dimension.

After winger Jamie Hearn kicked the home side into a third-minute lead with a wind-assisted 45 metre penalty, Georgiou equalised with a routine kick when Stour's front row were penalised in the tight.

Interval

A second Hearn penalty extended Stourbridge's lead, before home back rower Rupert Cooper forced his way over from close range for the game's first try.

Although Georgiou's second penalty soon narrowed the interval gap to five points, the home side extended their advantage direct from the start of the second period.

Matt Thomas drove the kick-off return 20 metres before quick



Lively scrum-half Peter White

hands released Hearn. The winger linked with Greg King, whose pass sent Charlie Hayter speeding to the corner for his ninth try of the season. Otley dominated territory and possession for the next half-hour, forcing Cooper to infringe on the ground in front of his own posts. This earned the number eight his fourth yellow card of the campaign, and gave Georgiou three simple points.

Otley also took full advantage of the ensuing power-play to force a well-constructed try as flanker Richard Beck, squeezed in at the corner. Ashley Smith added a third Stourbridge try five minutes from time.

However, Otley hit back and a late score from winger Curtis Wilson, following an excellent Joe Barker cut-out pass, left Georgiou with a difficult - and ultimately unsuccessful - chance to snatch a draw.

Double delight for club's swimmers

HALESOWEN Swimming Club took victory in round two of the Worcester Winter League with their B team third in the five-team match in home water.

The A team will now swim in the A final and the B team in the B final at Droitwich on April 17.

Double individual winners were Jack Slattery in the freestyle and breaststroke, Megan Willets in backstroke and butterfly and Chloe Robbins in backstroke and freestyle. Other individual winners were Hannah Cuthbert and Luke Morris (butterfly), Chloe Bate and Sian Carey (breaststroke) and Lilian Parsons and Chloe Finch (freestyle).

Winning both the medley and freestyle relays were Leanne Taylor, Josh Bradley, Richard Phillips and Jack Watts (open age) whilst Jacob Darby joined his 13-year old team mates to win both their relay races. Eleven-year-olds Rachel Weller, Emma Baker, Molly Kelly, George Davies, Mark Laing and George Westwood and 13-year-olds Isobel Breslin, Max Rolason and Daniel Hill won the medley relays.

Results: Halesowen A 211, Redditch 195, Halesowen B 139, Droitwich 127, Stourbridge B 119.

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